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Newslines

Holiday ceremony

The Sumter County Veterans Association's annual Memorial Day ceremony is set for Monday at 11 a.m. at the General Mabry Memorial, adjacent to Shaw on Highway 76/378.

Holiday hours

AAFES hours Monday are:

BX	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Food court	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Burger King	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Housing shoppette	Closed
Shoppette/AutoPride/Class 6 facilities	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Military Clothing	Closed

The Base Housing U-Fix-It Store will be closed Saturday and Monday.

New Gate hours

Beginning Wednesday, Polifka Gate will be open Mondays-Fridays 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. It will be closed on weekends and holidays.

The Sycamore Gate will be open Sundays - Saturdays 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Visitor Center will be open Mondays - Fridays 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and issue vehicle decals, visitor passes and Shaw Heights and High Hills School passes.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday



PM t-storms
High: 87
Low: 69

Sunday



PM t-storms
High: 88
Low: 70

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber McCarthy

Spurring him on

Spc. Justin Gainey, 20th Security Forces Squadron, takes a break from the 13-mile Spur Ride Wednesday morning. By completing the march, he will earn spurs like soldiers from historical Army calvary units.

New MDG CC back where he started

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

During a ceremony Monday in Hangar 1614, Col. Stephen J. Niles took command of the 20th Medical Group.

This is the first time Col. Niles will be a group commander.

"I think I am reasonably prepared," he said.

He said he had two years while serving as deputy group commander of the 45th Medical Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., to observe and learn from the commander.

He has served as chief of the medical staff in the 45th MDG and chief of medical operations, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

Though he takes command for the first time here, this is not his first visit to the Shaw community. Col. Niles said he remembers what it was like to be enlisted and plans to focus time and effort on taking care of the enlisted troops.

Col. Niles started out as a medical



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash

Col. Niles (right) visits the physical therapy section of the clinic to meet the personnel and see the services they provide.

technician with the 363rd Tactical Hospital, here in 1977.

He said a lot has changed since his initial tour.

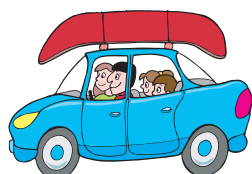
"This used to be a hospital, now it's a clinic," said the colonel. "There used to be F-4s, now there are F-16s."

This is also where he met his wife,

Cindy. Now, they return to Shaw with three children, Tim, Chris and Cassie.

In addition to being the 20th MDG commander, Col. Niles is a family practice physician.

"I want people to know I am a good steward of health care in the community," said Col. Niles.



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Get your car ready for vacation.

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Shaw has activities for youths.



Newslines II

Shaw cable audit

The 20th Contraction Squadron and Time Warner Cable are set to conduct a base-wide cable audit in June. During the audit, all resource advisors are asked to coordinate an escort for the 20th CONS and TWC. RAs are required to provide names and telephone numbers for each escort by Tuesday. For more information, call Ms. Glenda Yarbrough at 895-6010.

Lawn and carport sales

Lawn and carport sales in base housing area are restricted to two consecutive days twice a year. Signs should not be posted on fences, utilities poles or gates. A sign advertising the sale is permitted on the occupants lawn and must be removed within 24 hours after the date of the sale. For more information, call 895-2424.

New process eliminates paper

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

Receiving reports from resource advisors will no longer be submitted manually as of Tuesday.

After Tuesday, any paper copies of receiving reports will be returned to the originator according to 20th Comptroller officials.

DD Form 250, *Material Inspection and Receiving Report*, will be replaced with Wide Area Work Flow electronic

invoicing and receipt system. WAWF is a paperless contraction application designed to eliminate paper.

Currently, RAs or those signing receiving reports drop off or fax a DD Form 250 to the Accounting Liaison Office. This often takes a week or more. According to Senior Airman Nicholas Connell, 20th Comptroller Squadron accounting liaison technician, with the electronic process it will take one or two days.

"It's like the click of a button," said

Airman Connell.

He said the new system will also assist with reducing penalties and increase discounts when available.

WAWF is available online 24-hours a day to registered users.

Training for WAWF is available by appointment or on the third Wednesday of each month in Building 1118, room 1109.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bryan Lipscomp at 895-4835 or Airman Connell at 895-3295.



The 20th Contracting Squadron is set to host a three-day event for members of the 2004 Small Business Opportunity Forum. Registration begins Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Center followed by a day of presentations designed to assist small businesses in seeking opportunities with the federal government.

Thursday, the Shaw community is invited to a vendor show, to view display products and services. A free luncheon will be served.

A 20th CONS golf tournament will close the event June 4.

For more information, call Ms. Judi Croxton at 895-6834/6826.

20th Security Forces Squadron Blotter

(Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns.)

■ An Airman was charged with Driving Under the Influence.

■ An Airman reported Damage to Government Property.

■ A family member was charged with Shoplifting from the BX.

■ Two Airman reported Theft of Unsecured

Personal Property in the dormitories

■ An Airman and his wife were involved in a Verbal Altercation.

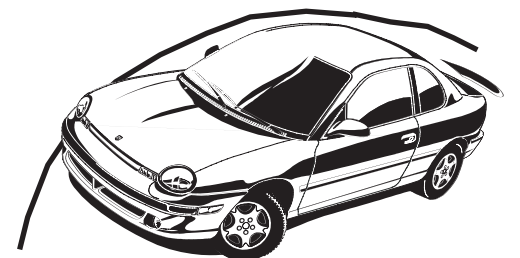
■ Security Forces responded to an incident regarding damage to POVs.

■ There were 45 traffic tickets issued during the week.

In case of emergency, call 911. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at 895-3670. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at 895-3600.

Traffic Tips

Parking is **not** allowed along the curb of the 20th Support Center building. Overflow parking is available at the Conference Center and Memorial Park.



Question Corner

Question: Why are there 21 guns fired in a 21-gun salute?

Answer to last week's question: Japanese Americans in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II were awarded seven Presidential Unit Citations.

Last week's winner: Airman 1st Class Aaron Dixon, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.



DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 2 days

Last unit:: 20th AMXS

2004 total: 22

2003 total: 28

(As of Wednesday)

Punishment: Members, receiving a DUI/DWI must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress. They will be accompanied by their supervisor, 1st sergeant and squadron commander.

AADD
Past week's saves: 35

Shaw's Airmen Against Drunk Driving offer free, confidential rides back to base for members who are intoxicated. For a ride, call 983-9722.



Developmental education deadline set

Mission support officers considering Basic Developmental Education programs in 2005 have until June 15 to apply.

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers," said Lt. Col. Phil Cooper, deputy chief of the mission support officer assignments division here. "All officers should take the time to check into developmental programs such as these and apply if it seems right for their progression."

Officers in logistics, civil engineering, program management, developmental engineering, communications and information, services, public affairs, special investigations and other mission support career fields may apply for one or more developmental programs. Additionally, officers in intelligence and space and missiles can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career fields.

Officers must be released by their core assign-

ment team prior to applying and officers must submit a completed Air Force Form 3849, "PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet," to the Air Force Personnel Center by June 15, according to Capt. Ryan Mueller, developmental engineering assignment officer. "This process is separate from the ongoing Intermediate Developmental Education process and eligibility requirements vary for each program," he said.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and details about each program are available at the 20th Support Center at **895-1596** or online at: **<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.htm>**. *(Brief courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center.)*

Common sense key to summer safety

Air Force officials want Airmen to use common sense and not fall victim to accidents during the "101 Critical Days of Summer."

These 101 days fall between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This is the time period when the Air Force sees a rise in off-duty injuries caused by increased activity and risk taking, said officials from the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"Historically, this is a period of high risk, because people are doing more," said Herm Dean, the center's chief of ground safety operations. "People are outside traveling, swimming, camping - - doing the things they've wanted to do all winter."

Unfortunately, Airmen are not always prepared to charge into summer activities. The safety campaign aims at drawing attention to safety awareness and risk management, especially on the road.

An average of 25 Airmen died during the summer months over the past five years, safety officials said. Most of these losses occurred in personal motor vehicle accidents, including motorcycles. These accidents are largely preventable.

"Know your limits and use personal-risk management," Mr. Dean said. "Don't try to drive 10 to 12 hours a day. Plan your trips. Don't take unnecessary risks."

He suggests using a simple three-step process -- A-C-T.

"Assess the risk; consider your options; take appropriate action," Mr. Dean said. "It's easy, like crossing the street. You would never cross without looking left and right first."

"If what you're about to do is dumb, different or dangerous, then maybe it's too risky and you shouldn't be doing it," he said. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

Airmen, Iraqis dig up ancient artifacts

By Maj. Charles Anthony
506th Air Expeditionary Group

KIRKUK AIR BASE, IRAQ -- Iraqi archeologists determined the air base here has at least one site with artifacts dating back to between 1200 B.C. and 2600 B.C., possibly predating the ancient Assyrians. Other sites potentially contain precious antiquities, but have yet to be excavated.

The mystery began unfolding in late March when Col. Marcus Beyerle, 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron commander, became curious about an area being dug up to fill sandbags.

"I was walking through the area and could see the different strata or layers of dirt," said the colonel.

He said he knew those layers were a strong indication ancient civilizations had used the same spot in succession, covered it up and forgot about it.

In April, Col. Beyerle discovered an ancient clay jar nearly intact.

"One of the workers evidently dug it up and left it out lying around," he said. "I knew *General Order 1* prohibits taking any antiquities, and with the limited archeological knowledge I have, I just wanted to make sure this history was not wiped out."

The colonel turned that artifact and another broken piece from what was probably a jar or goblet, over to the base's judge advocate general for safekeeping until they could be transferred to the proper Iraqi authorities.

A few days later, Maj. Mike Larkin, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, was walking through the site, when he came upon animal bones and shards from clay pots and jars.

At the time he was not quite sure what he had found, but he decided until the value of the items could be determined, it was better to err on the side of caution. He made arrangements to cordon off the site with concertina wire. Working with Army Civil Affairs, he brought an Iraqi

archeological team to the site May 12.

Within minutes of examining the site, more clay shards and a set of small vessels, perhaps shaped from alabaster and probably used to hold medicines, were uncovered. The Iraqi archeologists became very excited.

"This is the dawn of generations," said Sheida Muhammad Amin, archeological surveyor for the Kirkuk's department of antiquities, through an interpreter. "This is the history of our country. The first Kurdish states began here."

Mr. Amin explained that in 1923 an American University archeological team had done some excavations nearby. Those discoveries gave credence to theories the first Kurds had settled in the area.

"Saddam Hussein denied Kurds had settled here long ago, because he wanted to remove the Kurds from their ancestral land," Mr. Amin said. "Now we are free to tell the truth."

"It was humbling to hold the artifacts in our hands and marvel at the

skill and workmanship it took to make them," Major Larkin said. "But it is more gratifying to know we helped save history from being disposed of. The artifacts will someday be available to the Iraqi people and their children and their children's children, for them to examine and appreciate."



Photo by Maj. Charles Anthony

Maj. Mike Larkin talks with Mr. Sheida Muhammad Amin at a recently discovered archeological site.

ACC SERVICES SENIOR CIVILIAN MANAGER OF THE YEAR

MR. JAMES VOSE

Unit: 20th Services Squadron

Title: Deputy Chief of Services

Accomplishments

- Initiated complete facelift of Wateree Recreation Center
- Garnered \$330,000 to upgrade sports infrastructure
- Led squadron during four-month deployment of Lt. Col. Franklin Ladson, 20th SVS commander

Accolades

"(Mr. Vose) personifies the characteristics you want from someone in his position - dedication, hardworking, years of experience and a true professional. As a retired chief, he has the knowledge necessary to deal military members and civilians." Col. Ladson



"We in services try to exceed our customers' expectations." Mr. Vose

QA of the Quarter

The 20th Contracting Squadron has named Staff Sgt. Jason Whitaker, 20th CS ground radio technician, the quality assurance evaluator of the quarter, Jan. - March 2004. He is the evaluator for the land mobile radio contract. Sgt. Whitaker managed the more than \$556,000 contract through detailed inspections, reports and records. QAs are responsible for inspecting and accepting services on behalf of the government. They surveil service contractors to ensure performance is in accordance with the statement of work, contract terms and provisions.

Hard work pays off in form of ACC award for CPTS

By Ms. Adriene M. Dicks
Correspondent

All actions have consequences – a statement usually heard when something is expected to go wrong. Not so for those in the 20th Comptroller Squadron. They have been taught that when the actions are hard work and dedication, the consequences will be rewards. One of the most recent consequences was being named Air Combat Command's Comptroller Organization of the Year 2003.

The award period was Oct. 1 2002 – Sept. 30, 2003. Some of the squadron's accomplishments during that time include providing financial readiness and support to 15 contingency operations and operational flag exercises, and deploying nine troops for operations supporting the war effort while simultaneously supporting the local mission.

What people may not know about the 20th CPTS

is they do all financing for Southwest Asia. Lt. Col. John Ducharme, 20th CPTS commander, said the squadron is able to handle this 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week job because the troops understand the job must get done, and the morale stays high.

"We have people coming in as early as 4 a.m. and stay later than 8 p.m. because we must be available for support," said Col. Ducharme. "They go above and beyond, and still continue to meet the wing mission. As a commander, I share my vision and work with the NCOs and senior NCOs to make sure it gets carried out."

Col. Ducharme says he and other squadron leaders try to impress upon their troops that the core values – integrity first; service before self; and excellence in all we do – are what's really important at work and when off duty. He says, "It's okay to make a mistake but it's not okay to break the law."

Not only do the squadron members work hard at

their jobs but they also work hard in other areas important to the Air Force, such as physical fitness. The squadron's physical training three times a week as a group has paid off for them. According to Col. Ducharme, there were some people who had trouble with the workouts in the beginning but were able to pass the fitness test with no problem after devoting time to training and with the assistance of other squadron members. More than 90% of the squadron passed the test on the first try.

But what seems to be most important to the squadron is teamwork.

"Teamwork is everything," said Col. Ducharme. "One section can't get their job done without the help of the others. The squadron can't get its job done without the help of the first sergeants, supervisors and squadron commanders. This award is not only a reflection of the hard work we do but it's also a validation of the wing."